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FIKE et al.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. Listing of the cited documents on Form PTO-1449 (2 sheets);
- 3. A copy of each of the six (6) cited documents on Form PTO-1449; and
- 4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The numbering of this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed March 17, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned application.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates

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